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Ms Florence Wright
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Dear Ms Wright:

I very much regret that Mary Jane and I will be unable to attend the Centennial Dinner of the Rochester Philatelic Association on March 12. I had really wanted to participate in your celebration and even had reserved the dates to attend ROPEX this year as I had expected the anniversary celebration might be at that time. Unfortunately, we will be in Europe at the time of your March event on a trip that we planned and committed to about a year ago.

I hope that you will convey my best wishes to the club and the other members. The Rochester Philatelic Association was very important to me when I lived in Rochester from the mid-1950s through the 1960s. We had many friends in this club and through it many others in the Niagara and Central New York Federations of Stamp Clubs.

I remember well the golden anniversary celebration with the 50-hour "round the clock" show at Midtown Plaza. Could that actually be 50 years ago? I think the RPA really gave me my start in philately at that time. We all thought it was a lot of hard work, but I must say it was fun and very rewarding. Now, you all are conducting a national exhibition annually. And this year, ROPEX has a double national exhibition. You are to be congratulated on that.

Thank you very much for inviting us.

Sincerely,

Gordon C. Morison